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1. AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL UNDER PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN REFTEL
B AND AGREED TO WITH MINISTER OSMAND HAS FORMED TECHNICAL
TEAM FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROFILES OF POTENTIAL JOINT VEN-
TURE PROJECTS IN AGRIBUSINESS. FORREST WALLACE IS THE
COUNCIL COORDINATOR, AND HE AND THE SIX OTHER MEMBERS
ARRIVE CAIRO ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 28.

2. LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE BY GOE COORDINATOR SALAH
TEWFIK. FYI GOE IS ASSUMING MOST LOCAL COSTS, COUNCIL,
WITH PARTIAL OPIC BACKING FOR COSTS OF ENTIRE PROGRAM, IS
PAYING FOR AIR TICKETS, AND COUNCIL MEMBER COMPANIES ARE
ASSUMING THE PERSONNEL COSTS.

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3. OPIC HAS NOT YET SEEN BIO-DATA ON TEAM PARTICIPANTS BUT

CAN REPORT THAT COUNCIL PRESIDENT KENNETH MUELLER IS VERY PLEASED WITH THE GROUP'S COMPOSITION. OPIC AND COUNCIL WOULD WELCOME YOUR APPRAISAL ON IMPRESSION THIS TEAM MAKES IN EGYPT, WITHIN BOTH GOE AND OTHER COMMUNITIES.

4. TEAM MEMBERS ARE FORREST WALLACE, AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL COORDINATOR, HERBERT SHULBACH, SOIL SCIENTIST AND AGRICULTURALIST, DONALD MCELVANY, AGRICULTURE DRAINAGE CONTRACTOR, KEITH MAYBERRY, VEGETABLE CONSULTANT, CARL TIMANDER, MEAT PROCESSING EXPERT, DARIN NARAYANA, BANKER AND BRUCE BURTON, LEGAL COUNSEL.

5. WALLACE, SHULBACH, MCELVANY AND MAYBERRY ARRIVE 2050 AUGUST 28 VIA SAUDIA ARABIAN FLIGHT 167. OTHERS ARRIVE 1510 AUGUST 29 VIA BRITISH AIRWAYS FLIGHT 121. HOTELS NOT YET KNOWN. WALLACE WILL CONTACT EMBASSY ON ARRIVAL. KISSINGER

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